of application except in the case of applications which require prior approval of the Government;

No.

Consular Wings in 93 Missions/Posts have been computerised and in the remaining Missions/Posts would be computerised by July 2007. In addition, outsourcing of visa applications collection is proposed to be undertaken in 30 Misisons/Posts to provide expeditious service to visa seekers. It is also proposed to improve the facilities in our consular/visa wings in Missions/Prosts abroad.

Transit Visa for Journey

4638. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether there has been any development in the pursuit of transit visa for journey by road from NE States to Kolkata through Bangladesh;

whether there is development; if so, the status thereof; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes. Since September 2004, Bangladesh has been issuing double entry and exit visas to Indian citizens transiting from NE States to Kolkata through Bangladesh.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Dwelling Units

4639 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

whether there is shortage of 11 million dwelling units for urban poor in India;

if so, the details thereof; and